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RULES

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OF THE

Niagara Fire Company,

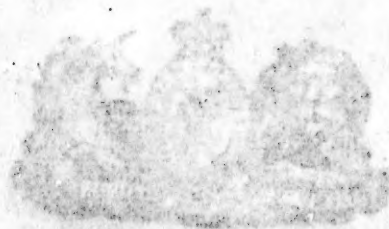
NO. 1.

OCTOBER 1st, 1830.

(CHARTERED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT.)

NIAGARA, U. C.

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THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

DECEMBER 1887

(BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS)

NAGARA, N. Y.

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THE ACT.

AN ACT to make further and more effectual provision for the Prevention of Accidents by Fire in the several Police Towns of this Province.

[PASSED 30TH JANUARY, 1826.]

WHEREAS, the means provided by Law for the prevention and extinguishing of accidental Fires, have hitherto proved insufficient, from the want of a compensation being authorized for the services of persons who may be employed as Fire-men: Be it therefore Enacted, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act, passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same. That so soon as one or

more Company or Companies shall be formed in any Town where a Police is or may be established by Law, of Persons voluntarily enrolling themselves as Fire-men, being Inhabitants of the said Town, under the provisions of the Laws heretofore made for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, in any District in which such Town may be situated, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, or the majority of them, being satisfied of the efficiency of such persons, and accepting their enrolment, to direct the Clerk of the Peace for such District, to grant to each member of such Corps or Company a certificate that he is enrolled on the same, which certificate shall exempt the individual named therein, during the period of his enrolment and his continuance in actual duty as such Fireman, from Militia duty, in time of peace, from serving as a Juryman or Constable, and from all other parish or town offices; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

II.—*Provided always, and be, it further enacted by the authority aforesaid—*That it shall be in the power of the Justices of the Peace, in and for any District in this Province, or the majority of them, at any general or adjourned Sessions, upon complaint to them made of neglect of duty by any individual of such Fire Company, to examine into the same, and for any such cause, and also in case of conviction of any individual of such neg-

pany for a breach of any of the rules legally made for the regulation of the same, to strike off the name of any such individual from the list of such Company, and from thenceforward, the certificate which may have been granted to such individual as aforesaid, shall have no effect in exempting him from any duty or service, in the preceding clause of this Act mentioned. *Provided always, nevertheless, that it shall be in the discretion of the Justices of the Peace for any District of this Province, or the majority of them, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, to consent to the formation, as aforesaid, of any Fire Company under the provisions of this Act for any Police Town within their District, or to defer the same until the circumstances of any such Town may, in their opinion, render it expedient, and that they may also, in their discretion, from time to time discontinue or renew any such Company or Companies.*

RULES, &C.

Officers of the Company.

JOHN BARKER, —CAPTAIN.

EDW'D C. CAMPBELL, —LIEUTENANT.

JOHN Y. CROOKS, —TREASURER.

JOHN ROGERS, —SECRETARY.

1. *Resolved*—That for the discipline and regulation of this Company, a Captain, Lieutenant, Treasurer, and Secretary, be appointed, by ballot, to be in office for two years from the above date.

2. *Resolved*—That the Company meet on the first Monday in every Month, at the hour of five o'clock, from the first of April, to the first of October; and from the first of October to the first of April, at seven o'clock, P. M.

3. *Resolved*—That eighteen members, including Captain or Lieutenant, be a quorum, and competent to proceed to business.

4. *Resolved*—That the roll during summer be called at fifteen minutes after five o'clock, and during winter at fifteen minutes after seven o'clock—when those absent shall be fined one shilling and three-pence; and that at the breaking up of the said respective monthly meeting, the roll shall be called a second time, and those absent fined two shillings and six-pence.

5. *Resolved*—That the fines shall be paid on the first day of meeting after being imposed; and that no exemption be admitted from fines, unless actual sickness or a reasonable excuse.

6. *Resolved*—That if the fines are not paid to the

Treasurer on or before the second day of meeting after they are leyed, the name of such person or persons offending be reported to the Magistrates.

7. *Resolved*—That all moneys, by fines or otherwise, go to a general fund, and be applied from time to time to such purposes as the majority of the Company shall direct.

8. *Resolved*—That it shall be the duty of every member, in case of fire, to repair to the Engine-house, to assist in conveying the Engine to the place of fire, to work it; and in case the said Engine shall have been so conveyed to the fire, that then all members shall forthwith repair to the place of fire, and there remain, to work the Engine until the fire be extinguished, or until discharged by the senior officers, under a penalty of five shillings.

9. *Resolved*—That it is necessary for the good order of the Company, that a fine of one shilling be imposed for disobedience of orders at private meetings, and five shillings when on public duty with the Engine.

10. *Resolved*—That a certain number be appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to clean the Engine, oil the Hose, and keep the Engine in good working order—for neglect of such duty, a fine of two shillings and sixpence shall be paid.

11. *Resolved*—That every member of this Company wear his Fire-hat and Frock where practice or any duty with the Engine is required; on default of which, the fine of one shilling and three pence shall be levied upon such person or persons who shall wilfully neglect this rule, unless the person or persons can prove otherwise to the satisfaction of the Company.

12. *Resolved*—That it is expedient, should a vacancy occur, that the Company do fill it up as soon as practicable, by the first suitable volunteer.

13. *Resolved*—That all applications for membership to this Company be in writing, or through a member of the Company; and that they lie over for one month after being proposed, before they can be admitted.

14. *Resolved*—That the Members of the Niagara Fire Company, No. 1. do hereby bind themselves, each to the other, to the strict observance of the foregoing rules.

JOHN BARKER, Captain.
JOHN ROGERS, Sec'y.

1st Division.

John Y. Crooks, Treas.
John Rogers, Sec'y.
John Graham,
John Shipper,
George Varey,
Adam Hawley,
Urala Harvey,
Richard Howard,
John Clement,
Ralph M. Clement,
Robert Fields,
John M. Brier,
James Rogers,
Richard Wagstaff,
Thomas Whitten,
Michael Mader,
Joseph Ponce.

2d Division.

John Harris,
John Douglass,
Hugh McNally,
Thomas Richardson,
William Harris,
Andrew Heron, Jun.
John Lax,
John Martindale,
Joseph B. Clement,
John Davidson,
Charles Fields,
Roland A. Goodenough,
John Wagstaff,
James Wagstaff,
Nicholas Wall,
John Kay,
Andrew Beylan.